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Serious planning and structural deficiencies have been discovered at a housing project for workers at Ujpest. The dwellings, completed last winter, are housing 140 families. The mistakes, which were revealed at similar housing projects previously completed at Obuda and Csepel, are even more obvious in the Ujpest dwellings.

Many windows cannot be opened and washed. The laundries are bad, the driers almost unusable. Several driers are placed in the basement, where the clothes become moldy. Because of the structural deficiencies of the drainage pipe, the front of one of the buildings becomes inundated after a heavy rain. As a result of the faulty hydraulic pressure system, the housing project was left repeatedly without water supply. Seventy-five percent of the doors and windows have faulty locks, and the locks, doorknobs, and faucets break easily. Sodium nitrate precipitated on one of the walls, and the synthetic-stone coverings of the steps cracked. In one of the buildings the floor landings are decorated with small balconies, but behind the balconies there is no threshold and, in case of rain, the water drips down the stairs.

The tenants have complained to the City Construction Planning Bureau and received an unsatisfactory answer to the effect that elsewhere the same type of housing was completed, too.

It may be pointed out that similar deficiencies reoccur at virtually every new housing project. This kind of construction for the workers cannot be tolerated.

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